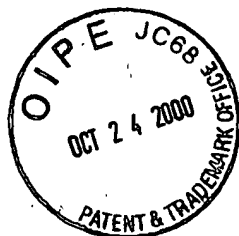


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
ATSUSHI IKEDA, ET AL.) Examiner: Unassigned
Application No.: 09/606,020 .) Group Art Unit: 2722
Filed: June 29, 2000 .)
For: IMAGE FORMING METHOD AND)
APPARATUS WHICH CAN)
PERFORM OUTPUT OPERATION)
SUITABLE FOR RECEIVED)
IMAGE AND COMMUNICATION)
APPARATUS USING THE SAME : October 24, 2000

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
09/265,588	03/10/99	2853
09/265/589	03/10/99	2853

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), no copy of either cited U.S. Application is enclosed.

Most of the Japanese language documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 are cited in the specification, and are relevant for the reasons noted therein. The documents are discussed in the specification as follows:

<u>Document</u>	<u>Pages</u>
54-056847	82
59-123670	80
59-138461	80
60-071260	82
09-094981	2

Applicants have also enclosed English language abstracts for most of the above documents for the Examiner's convenience. Applicants were not able to obtain an English language abstract for JP 09-094981, but have enclosed an abstract for a European patent in the same "Patent Family." The above abstracts were obtained from a commercial database.

Cited Japanese document 10-67127 is not discussed in the specification. However, Applicants have obtained an English language abstract for that document from the Japanese Patent Office, and submit that the document may be relevant for the disclosure in that abstract.

Also, Applicants note that cited U.S. Patent Application Nos. 4,463,359; 4,345,262; 4,313,124; 4,558,333; and 4,459,600, are discussed in the specification at page 80.

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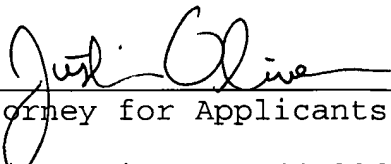
No fee is believed due in connection with this paper; however, if any fee is due, it should be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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